

NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND and UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND Biography



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Chief Master Sergeant W. Allen Usry is the command senior enlisted leader for North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

He is the principal advisor to the commander on all enlisted matters. His responsibilities include providing the commander with the enlisted perspective on strategic vision, goals and objectives, theater security cooperation, and enlisted professional development, mentoring senior enlisted leaders throughout the component commands and JTFs as well as coordinating with headquarters staff agencies, commanders, and senior enlisted personnel on matters pertaining to the command's mission, vision, core values, commander's intent and enlisted utilization.

The chief enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1982, serving as an embarkation specialist and platoon sergeant before leaving the Marines in July 1988. He enlisted in the Oklahoma Air National Guard in August 1988 where he served as a fire protection specialist until 1994.

Since that time, he has served in a variety of positions including the first sergeant for the 138th Civil Engineer Squadron, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa Okla., as an instructor and course director at the U.S. Air Force First Sergeant Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and the Air National Guard first sergeant functional manager at Maxwell. Prior to his current assignment, he was the command chief master sergeant for 1st Air Force (AFNORTH), Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Chief Usry's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), and the Louisiana Emergency Service Ribbon (for Hurricane Katrina support).

Chief Usry holds three Associate degrees from the Community College of the Air Force in fire science, personnel administration, and instructor of technology and military science.

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